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SUBJECT:PROPOSALS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORT PROTECTION

1. USG CONCERNED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF TARIFF BOARD RECENTLY TABLED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT WOULD INCREASE SPECIFIC DUTIES ON SEVERAL FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORTS. ALSO PROPOSED WAS AUTOMATIC SURTAX MECHANISM WHEN PRICES OF SEASONAL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORTS DROP BELOW PRE-DETERMINED LEVEL. PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN TARIFF
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BOARD REPORT NO. 152 (VOL. 1 PART 1) ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

2. IF ENACTED THESE PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CANADA-U.S. TRADE RELATIONS. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE SINCE IN-SEASON PROTECTIVE NEEDS OF CANADIAN HORTICULTURAL PRODUCERS APPEAR QUESTIONABL:. CANADIAN

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MARKET ACCOUNTS FOR 35-40 PERCENT OF TOTAL U.S. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE EXPORTS. SEVERAL ITEMS CONVERED BY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ALSO GATT BOUND.

3. SO THAT USG CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL, NEED EMBASSY ADVICE ON FOLLOUING QUESTIONS:

-- WHAT IS EMBASSY JUDGMENT ON LIKELIHOOD THAT LEGISLATURE WILL SEEK TO IMPLEMENT THIS RECOMMENDATION?
-- WHAT WOULD TIMING BE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION?

-- AT WHAT POINT SHOULD USG MOST APPROPRIATELY EXPRESS ITS CONCERNS?

4. APPARENTLY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRY ARE FORTHCOMING FROM TARIFF BOARD. IF SO, WILL THEY DEAL WITH NEED FOR PROTECTION FOR PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS?

5. APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN ON THIS MATTER. CHRISTOPHER

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